Academic Programs and Budget Council Meeting Minutes
February 27th, 2024

Attendees: Jack Wileden, Tony Paik (recorder), Laura Francis, Ryan Darbhanga, Christine Ho, Jason Hooper, Kathleen Berry, Lynn McKenna, Holly Lawrence, Margaret Curtiss, Steven Petsch, Jaime Taylor, Sarah Poissant, Liz Mearls, Michelle Budig (via Zoom), Deborah Gould (guest)

1. Approval of Minutes of January 30 APBC Meeting

Council members unanimously approve the minutes from January 30, 2024 council meeting.

2. Selection of a Recorder for today's meeting

Anthony Paik volunteered to take the minutes.

3. Consideration of Program Proposals

a) Consent Agenda Proposals (Voted on as a group without discussion. Any APBC member may ask that any proposal be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately. These proposals have been reviewed and recommended by the Programs Subcommittee):

i) Create New Concentrations in Electrical and Computer Engineering (Proposals #10514, 10515, 10516)

ii) Revise Degree Programs in Education (Proposals #10342, 10343, 10349, 10350)

iii) Revise a Degree Program in Nursing (Proposal #11065)

iv) Create a Minor in Public Policy (Proposal #11163)

v) Revise the Curriculum in Honors (Proposal #10661)

Proposal #10661 was removed from the consent agenda. Council members unanimously approved the remaining proposals contained in the consent agenda.

Discussion of 10661: Council members discussed potential resource issues with offering additional non-honors Gen Eds. The Council would like to review analytics related to seat occupancy in non-honors Gen Ed courses. There was a proposal to request that the Provost provide a memo, which would indicate that departments experiencing instructional stress due to this change will be prioritized for strategic investment. The proposal was tabled.

b) Revise a Degree Program in Communication (Proposal #11122)

Council members unanimously approved proposal #11122.

c) Revise a Degree Program in Nursing (Proposal #11010)

Courses are being deleted from the program requirements. There was a question in the Program Subcommittee about the curricular changes, which included the elimination of two courses as requirements. Increases in clinical hours are due to accreditation issues. This proposal was tabled.

4. Consideration of New Certificate Proposals

a) Create Graduate Certificate in Collaborative Piano (Proposal #10680)

Council members unanimously approved the proposal.

b) Create Graduate Certificate in Program Evaluation Practice (Proposal #9772)

Council members unanimously approved the proposal.

c) Create Certificate Program: Decolonial Global Studies (DGS) (Proposal# 9589)

Previously, there was a question about the funding of program after the grant money runs out. Per the MOUs, ongoing resource requirements will be shouldered by departments who have submitted MOUs. Oversight of the certificate will be overseen by Professors Laura Doyle and Mwangi wa Githinji. There does not appear to be a certificate director. Council members unanimously approved the proposal.

5. Tuition Waiver Issues and Provost's Office View of Campus Budget, Deb Gould

GEO waivers are $9.2 million in FY23. Of the $9.2 million GEO waivers, the breakdown for employment was as follows: same unit ($7 million) versus different units ($2.1 million). Among the $2.1 million in other units, there is about $.5 million being paid on GOF. The units engaging in this practice are CNS, student engagement, and well-being. Given bargaining and the new Provost, no immediate adjustments are expected.

Meeting adjourned.